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Newly Elected Wise Master, New Bern Chapter of Rose Croix No. 5

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R. L. Pugh, 33°

The curtain is now about to close on one of the most active years we have ever experienced, and as we look back upon the activities in which we have engaged we find so many things for which we would be truly grateful. This is true for many reasons, but primarily because the unity of Masonry throughout our Scottish Rite jurisdiction has been more deeply intensified and cemented.

In this last issue of the BAGPIPE, therefore, we would express our gratitude for all of those members who have participated so energetically in furthering our cause and in making it possible to bring so much of the Scottish Rite philosophy to those Master Masons who had never been offered that privilege. Without these dynamic personalities — and fortunately we have them in excellent quantity in every nook and cranny of our territory — we would not be able to look back upon our year's activities with such a feeling of satisfaction. How deeply indebted we are to these Brethren, and how impossible it would be to make any headway without their dedicated interest. This is the Masonic leadership which we have sought so many years to develop and now we see it blossoming in all areas in the Valley of New Bern. We count ourselves so very fortunate indeed to be able to look into every community in our Valley, point out two or three or four outstanding Masons there and be able to say: "These are the Scottish Rite Masons upon whose shoulders the progress of Masonry in our Valley depends and we thank Almighty God for the dedication which these men display."

Have a good summer, therefore, my Brethren — and may it be the happiest summer you have ever experienced. At the same time of course you will not forget that we have a Fall Reunion coming up November 14, 15 and 16 and we must use every opportunity between now and then to keep the interest moving ahead with tremendous force.

We have selected as a name for this Reunion that theme around which it will be built, this title: "The Law and Order Reunion". Certainly this theme is most appropriate at this time for it is doubtful that there ever existed a period in which mankind has needed more desperately to preach the doctrine of "Law and Order". As this message is being written, we have just heard the tragic news of the senseless and brutal shooting of one of the Presidential candidates, George Wallace. How long can our nation tolerate insecurity among its citizens, especially among those who dare to espouse certain issues and to proclaim them to the people without fear, but then find themselves subjected to the cowardly attacks of those who would take the law in their hands and mete out their own individual judgment upon the actions of others. We have every reason to feel, therefore, that the "Law and Order Reunion" is timed most appropriately.

In the meantime, enjoy yourselves and be sure to contact us if at any time we can be of assistance to you in any program involving the promotion of the Scottish Rite.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Pugh

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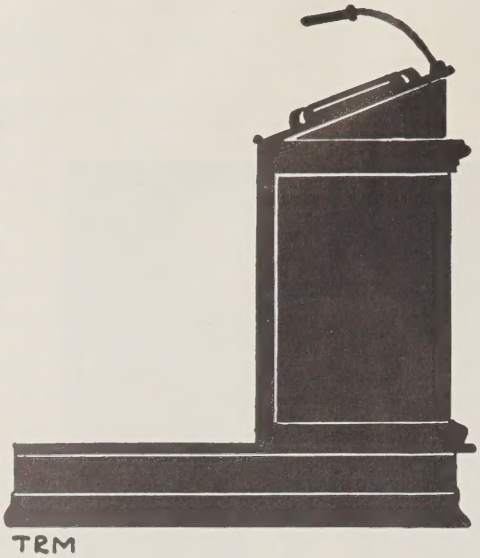
Robert L. Pugh, 33°



From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF HUMAN LIFE

In contemplating this article for The Bag Pipe, my mind goes back to this past reunion and the one before, and then to the affairs of the present time. Then, too, it came from the recent funeral services of the late J. Edgar Hoover. Thus, I come up with the title, *The Basic Elements of Human Life.* I still have a heart full of gratitude for the recent class and the fall class of '71 and the others as well. I am sure that I echo the thoughts of all of those who participated in the degrees. When we are told so vividly by these classes the stirring words *"Well Done."* Those words cause one to work harder and to dig deeper; it calls for the best that is within us.

In listening to the service of J. Edgar Hoover on National T.V., I could not help but say to myself, here stands an *Institution* which towers above petty politics. *The F.B.I. was not kicked around like appointees, appointments, and various Measures and Reforms that have come up within recent years. Not because they were no good and without merit, but because of petty politics.*

We hear a lot today about *Pollution*, referring to the Pollutions of the streams, the air we breathe and the Pollution of the forces of Nature around us. Yet, I am inclined to believe that our greatest danger of pollution is *the Pollution of the Human Spirit. Our own Temple of the Human Soul,* if you please, *"The one not made with human hands, but Eternal in the Heavens."* But we are in danger of having it polluted by human hands in our time. *What are the basic elements of human life?* There are two distinct types; *Physical* and the *Spiritual.* The physical elements without which human life is impossible, are air, water and food. They are universally recognized as essential to life. Each one of them has its fuuction in the Human Organism. One cannot be substituted for the other and the deficiency of one cannot be supplemented by more of another. The body must have all three of these elements, air, food and water or else it will perish.

The Spiritual Elements essential to human life are *Faith, Hope and Love.* They are equally as important to human life, as are the physical elements. Without *Faith, Hope* and *Love,* Life would be disagreeable, intolerable and a curse. It surely could not be a Blessing. *A total absence of Faith, Integrity, Hope, Truth and Love would be as crushing in its effect upon one's life as an insufficiency of air, food and water.*

Imagine for a moment a creature in the form of a Human, but totally lacking in Integrity and utterly devoid of the elements of Faith, Hope, Truth, Love and above all else Fidelity. Such a creature could not possibly be a man, but a rapacious, devouring monster. *The Spiritual Elements which the Supreme Architect implanted within us, make us the highest of all creation, just a little lower than the Angels. It behooves each one of us to try to live up to the fullest extent of these important elements.*

When I think of the rich fellowship of my Masonic experiences, the life within the church, the rich experiences which I shared in the Craven County Schools; at West Havelock Elementary and Farm Life Schools and throughout the state, *I cannot help but praise GOD. These basic Spiritual elements implanted within the Human Creation has meant so very much to me.*

These elements of the Spirit sustain Human Life. Our lives are richer because of the influence of these things upon each of us. They are like life preservers that keep us afloat in this troubled world. We can all endure sorrow and misfortune when sustained by an abundance of these elements, *In Our Friends Round About Us.*

Thus, I say in conclusion, no person would want to live without these rich Spiritual Elements — without a feeling that someone cares, which first manifests itself in the tender love of a parent for a child; without the feeling that there are those who subscribe to these elements, *the Human race would soon become extinct.*

Yes, there are two types of elements. The Physical and the Spiritual. And Human Life would be impossible without the two of them.

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OUR NEW WISE MASTER

During the monthly business meeting in May, on the night of the 8th of that month, Brother Woodrow Woodson Midgette was elected to serve as Wise Master of New Bern Chapter of Rose Croix No. 5 for the ensuing year. Also elected or appointed to serve along with him were the following: W. H. Scott as Senior Warden, William R. Waters as Junior Warden, M. D. Opphile as Orator, W. C. Chadwick as Almoner, Clifford W. Heath of Treasurer, Robert L. Pugh as Secretary, James W. Brewer as Master of Ceremonies, Oscar Aldridge as Expert, E. W. Paul, Jr. as Ass't. Expert, Leslie L. Parker as Standard Bearer, and Alvin Stilley was appointed as Guardian of the Temple to begin his ascent up the line of positions. S. E. Pittman was also reappointed as Tiler. Brother Cliff L. McCotter, the Trustee for the Chapter, continues in his position until the expiration of his term in 1973.

A beautiful and impressive installation service was conducted by Brother Charles T. Midyette, 33°, assisted by Brother L. T. Barrington, 33°. The installation ceremonies that these two Brethren have been using have added much not only to the significance of the office, but also to the dignity of the atmosphere of the occasion. They are entitled to the thanks and appreciation of the membership for the diligent attention they have given to the proprieties of the installation.

The new Wise Master, Woodrow W. Midgette, was born in Buxton, May 25, 1916. He lives in Morehead City and is, and has been, employed as a Civil Service employee at Cherry Point. His Blue Lodge membership is also in the Cherry Point Lodge. He became a 32° Mason during the Fall Reunion of 1963, being created a member of that rank on November 21st. We congratulate Brother Midgette on his service to Masonry and we are sure that his year in office as Wise Master will be an enjoyable one to him and a most profitable one to the Chapter.

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Wives of candidates who were entertained on Ladies' Tours during Spring Reunion and Mrs. J. R. Chadwick and Mrs. F. C. Stewart, who acted as hostesses.

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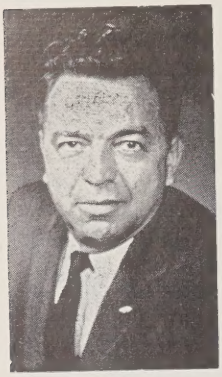
Bagpipe Skirls

Dear Brethren,

Every concert pianist, preacher, after-dinner speaker, and all the mamas and papas, sooner or later repeat. The bag and I do the same on rare occasions. When we do - it's by mistake - or a very special selection. This time it's because we like that particular little piece and enjoy hearing it once in a while, even though it has been used before. Anyway, here it is —



THE ACORN

I pluck an acorn from the greensward, and hold it to my ear; and this is what it says to me: "By and by the birds will come and rest in me. By and by I will furnish shade for the cattle. By and by I will provide warmth for the home in the pleasant fire. By and by I will be shelter from the storm to those who have gone under the roof. By and by I will be the strong ribs of the great vessel, and the tempest will beat against me in vain while I carry men across the Atlantic".

"O foolish little acorn, wilt thou be all this?" I ask.

And the acorn answers, "Yes, God and I."

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When we have practiced good actions awhile, they become easy; when they are easy, we take pleasure in them; when they please us, we do them frequently; and then, by frequency of act, they grow into a habit.

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REMEMBER

Always remember to forget
The things that made you sad,
But never forget to remember
The things that made you glad.
Always remember to forget
The friends that proved untrue,
But never forget to remember
Those that have stuck with you.
Always remember to forget
The troubles that passed away,
But never forget to remember
The blessings that come each day.

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Old bank tellers never die; they just lose their balance.

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A teacher had just given primary grade class a science lesson on magnets. In the follow-up test, one question read:

"My name starts with 'M', has six letters, and I pick up things. What am I?"

She was a bit surprised to find that half the class answered the question with the word "Mother".

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Little Larry was visiting a farm for the first time. While his parents were chatting with the farmer, Larry went into the barn. A few minutes later he came running out.

"Mommy, Daddy," he said excitedly, "there's a man in there building horses."

"Are you sure?" asked his mother.

"Of course," insisted the lad. "He's nearly finished with one now. I just saw him nailing on his back feet."

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History may be the record of the past, but — more important — it is the blueprint of the future.

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DOWN ONSLOW WAY

By

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

It has always puzzled me how persons or events can sometimes come to mind, even briefly, for quite logical reasons and how that night you can dream some of the most illogical dreams concerning those same persons or events — dreams which are in no way really connected with the thoughts or conversations that brought those persons or events to mind in the first place. I understand that phychologists can interpret dreams for you but I've never had a real hankering to try them; discovering the underlying causes for some of *my* wild dreams could really send me off the deep end.

The other day I was in a group which momentarily discussed what has come to be known as "Women's Lib," and that is the only occurrence I can recall which may have prompted the Morphean scenario to which I was treated that night.

I dreamed that I attended a regular meeting of the lodge and for some reason — peculiar to dreaming — I did not become aware of anything wrong until the meeting was half over. Then all of a sudden I realized that a beautiful woman was sitting in the East as Master. Not only that, there were six or seven additional beautiful women sitting among the brethren along the sidelines.

I hopped right up and signaled for attention. "Worshipful Master," I said, "we are not supposed to allow women in a lodge meeting."

"Brother Davenport," she replied (she even knew my name), "I don't see any women in here. Do you?"

"Well," I said, "if you all aren't women we've got seven or eight of the most oddly endowed Masons in here it has ever been my privilege to sit with."

"I take it you don't like the way we look," she retorted.

"Oh, no, it isn't that at all," I hastily asserted. (After all, I didn't have to act like a complete fool.) "What I was getting at," I continued, "we might get into some bad trouble, breaking the rules like this."

"All you're doing," she testily replied, "is holding up the work of the lodge. I think you'd better leave."

So I left.

On my way out the Tyler asked me why I was leaving and I told him it was on account of the women in the lodge. I said I was afraid the Grand Master would lift our charter if he heard about it.

"Charter, shmarter!" exclaimed the Tyler. "Who cares?"

I decided the whole shebang had gone daft, so I went to the phone and called the Grand Master. I thought maybe he could bring things to a halt before they went too far.

He came on the phone and after we had exchanged the usual amenities I said, "Grand Master, we've got a bunch of beautiful women here in lodge."

"You lucky dog!" said the Grand Master.

"You don't understand," I said, "they are here attending a lodge meeting and one of them is presiding."

"You bragging, or complaining?" he asked.

I was feeling more helpless all the time. This was not the way I was accustomed to hear Grand Masters talk. "I was afraid you might come down here and take our charter," I rather feebly offered.

"You say you got a bunch of beautiful women there in lodge, what you worried about a charter for?" he asked.

"Well, that's about the way the Tyler felt," I said.

"Sharp Mason, that Tyler," said the Grand Master, "I just don't understand why you fellows keep him outside the door all the time."

Right about here is where I woke up. It's well that I did — I was rapidly becoming a thoroughly confused Mason.

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"From Up The Neuse"

by John D. Charlton, 32°

Sometimes writing becomes difficult, I guess I haven't read enough this past week, or prayed enough, to deserve a gift of inspiration. However, the death of a close friend has weighed heavily on my heart, that of Brother Harry W. Gilliard, Past Master of Orient Lodge No. 395, Wilmington, N. C., 32° Scottish Rite Mason, and a Noble of Sudan Temple. Brother Harry appointed me his Jr. Steward in 1952, I guess no man forgets his first appointment. In addition to a rich Masonic life together, we enjoyed a fellowship in the same church that was joyous in the Lord at all times.

For several years, Brother Harry had endured much pain, but through it all he could still say, "Isn't that just wonderful." This was his favorite expression, but those that knew him best knew that he always meant it. His was the capacity to bring a ray of sunshine and hope into an hour of darkness, as well as to make a small blessing a momentuous happening. His last remark to me as I left his home, late one night a few weeks ago, was "I think it is just wonderful that you would take time to come by and see me." From the twinkle in his eyes and the firm clasp of his hand you knew that as always it was sincere.

I guess my message is, let us strive to look at life in a "wonderful" way, with a smile on our face, and a twinkle in our eyes. The answer to most all problems will be found when we can look our neighbor in the eye and say "Isn't that just wonderful."

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"With Mouth To Ear"

BY CLYDE McCARVER, 32°, K.C.C.H.

BY BEING A MAN

The best advice given by a friend is to "stand up like a man!" Just what is it that constitutes real manhood in our day? Is it to be found only in brain and brawn? Or is there something infinitely more fine in being a man? I submit three qualifications of being a real man.

First, he is a man who really believes in God. He believes that God is his creator. He sees that God is a lawgiver under whose righteous rule and administration he lives every day. Man must stand one day to give an account of his life before the mercy and judgment of God. What a difference this makes in the practical business of living day by day. How utterly impossible it is for a true man to follow the course of those wicked men who have brought upon their country, themselves, and the world the untold miseries which have been known in our generation. How different is he from those who thought that the rule of God could be defied and denied, and that no final judgment would inevitably fall upon them. Only by casting off the fear of the Lord could men initiate and execute the unspeakable cruelties which we have seen. When Godliness is scarce, iniquity is let loose. We often say that; but we don't really believe it! If we did really believe it deep down in our heart, we would cast off Godliness like a cloak when the occasion called for action. As Scottish Rite Masons, we are taught to oppose all that is vile, vicious, and ugly. This takes being a man!

The second mark of a real man is that he makes his life and action a service to the Great Architect of the Universe. The belief of a Mason is that he has a guide for the duty of every day. Some say that "'belief" comes from a source which indicates "what men live by." Certainly a Mason seeks sincerely to live his belief in a supreme being. He may serve human needs as a merchant or manufacturer but he offers his service to that supreme being. He may serve human rights like the statesman and the lawyer; he may meet the infirmities like the physician; he may help meet the hunger of the soul like

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

the minister, author, artist or composer. Whatever the nature of his service for mankind, it is laid upon the altar as a sacrificial gift. Every life pursuit so laid upon the altar is a sacred calling. Every individual who is true to his concept of the Supreme Being makes his daily life a means of grace to his soul, a means of good for his fellowmen, and a means of glory to his God. Do you believe that? Really believe it?

The third mark of a real man is that he tends to become in some degree like the God in whom he puts his trust and whom he serves. As a painter's hands become colored by the substance which he handles, so the Godly man's communion with the Most High brings to his soul divine qualities.

One out-and-out good man can change the climate of his community and have more to do with lifting that community than all the sermons that now are being delivered. Many a weak-kneed man looks at a True Mason and feels better for it. He sees one standing for the best and setting his face against evil. He is inclined to say "if he can do it, so can I." Look at a man's closest friends and the standards by which he lives his life and you can see how genuine that individual is.

Every vital Mason is like salt to society. Few people ever really recognize the debt we all owe to the Godly. It is they who are the pillars of society. The newspaper may not list them as the "Man of the year"! Yet, "their works do follow them.'

I often think of a statement of Studdard Kennedy to the effect that "You must be something to do something." How true that is in our craft. No amount of learning of ritual, if it has to stand alone, has the ability to replace the need for true men. Learning can become the handmaid of villainy, bigotry, pride, and avarice, if divorced from character. No public service can be the substitute for a pure life. It is this vital thing of character which gives power and influence to men. Without character no lasting good can be accomplished in the improvement of society.

By and large the most of us may not have the opportunity to make our witness felt greatly in the larger issues of life and the body politic. What is needed is that we all realize that, though humble people who fill a small place, we can fill it for the Grand Artificer of the Universe. This is our task as Masons. No more and no less. God grant us the ability to be men who are "free born, properly vouched for, and worthy of hearing the welcomed words, "Well done good and faithful serant. You have been faithful over a few things. Enter into the joy of the Lord."

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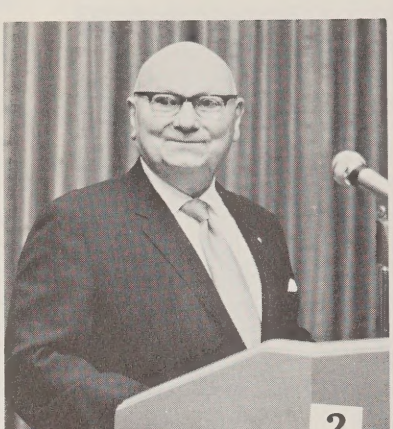
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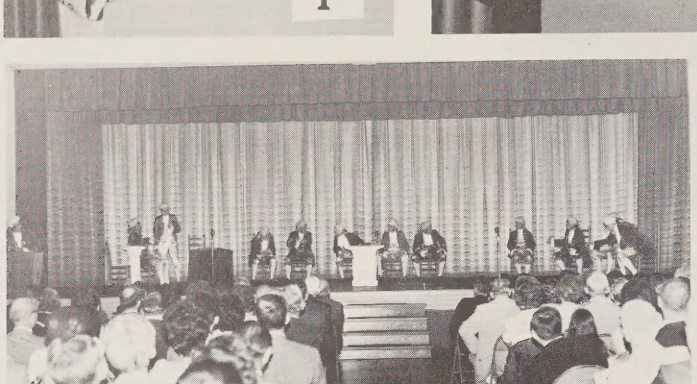
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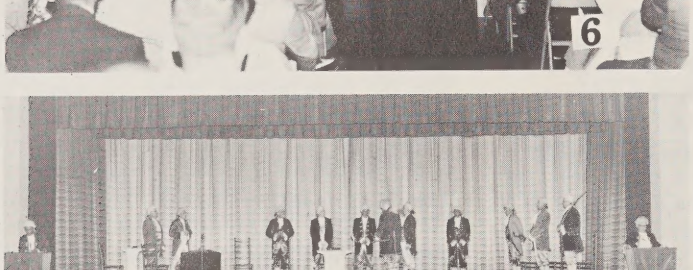
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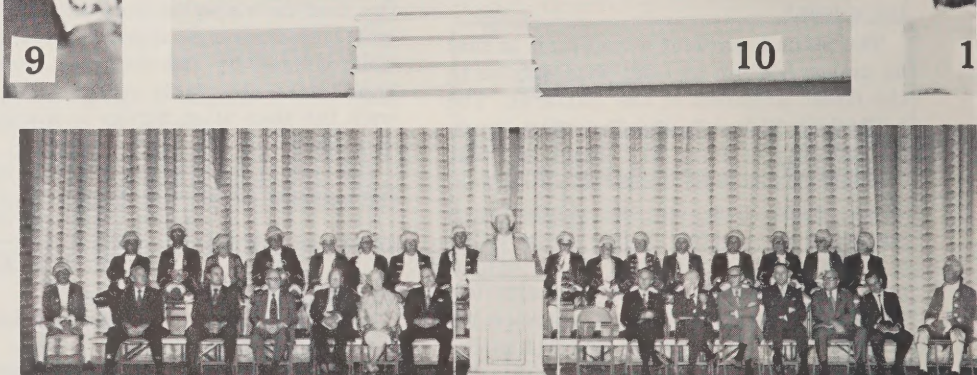
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1. Oscar A. Kafer, III, Master St. John's Lodge No. 3.
2. Past Grand Master Alfred A. Kafer, Jr., the able General Coordinator and Director of all Anniversary activities.
3. The two narrators—George and Billy.
4. The Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother Berl M. Kahn.
5. Rev. Charles E. Williams, Rector Emeritus, Christ Episcopal Church, gave wonderful assistance both in the banquet and in the religious observances.
6. Consternation! The Secretary reports the Lodge position as No. 2.
7. Joseph Montford installs the officers of St. John's Lodge No. 1.
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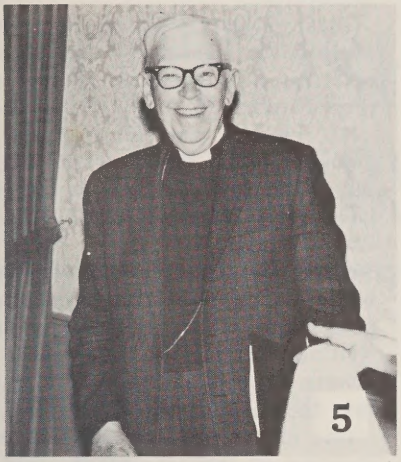

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On Saturday afternoon at five-thirty o'clock St. John's Lodge No. 3, A.F. and A.M., initiated a series of activities all designed to commemorate the 200 years of Masonry in New Bern, beginning with the presentation of the charter in 1772 to St. John's Lodge.

Presiding during the banquet hour was the Master of St. John's Lodge, Oscar A. Kafer, III. Invocation and benediction were given by the Reverend Charles E. Williams, Rector Emeritus of Christ Episcopal Church. After a delicious meal prepared and served by the Craven Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, the presiding officer expressed appreciation of the lodge to Robert L. Pugh for his assistance during the celebration, especially with the writing and directing of the pageant. As the Master expressed his appreciation he presented Mr. Pugh with a beautiful plaque appropriately inscribed, following which Bro. Alfred A. Kafer, Jr., presented him with a color television set.

Distinguished guests at the banquet included Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, Berl M. Kahn of Goldsboro; Dr. Charles P. Eldridge of Raleigh; James W. Brewer, Past Grand Master of Greenville; Robert N. Bass, Jr., Past Grand Master of Raleigh; Alfred A. Kafer, Jr., Past Grand Master of New Bern; S. Frank Noble, Jr., Junior Grand Warden of New Bern; Hiram J. Casebolt, Senior Grand Deacon of Raleigh; Nelson B. Banks, Recorder of Sudan Temple; Dr. Gertrude Carraway, former Director of Tryon Palace; Earley W. Bridges of Greensboro; and R. "Pete" Dudley, Assistant to the Grand Secretary of Raleigh.

Another feature of the recognition was the presentation of the widows of deceased members of St. John's Lodge.

During the course of the banquet hour the Grand Master was recognized and he spoke very graciously in appreciation of the invitation extended him to be present for the occasion.

A large audience assembled in Sudan Temple Auditorium at eight o'clock for the presentation of the pageant: "In The Beginning". The members of the cast in colonial costumes presented the story of the founding of St. John's Lodge. The pageant was built upon conditions in New Bern prior to 1772 leading to the formation of the lodge. Other than the actual organization of the lodge itself the theme centered upon the dissatisfaction of the members in being unable to have the number One position assigned to them, receiving number Two instead. The pageant concluded, however, with the lodge's acceptance of the final number which was assigned to them in 1795 when the Grand Lodge met in New Bern. At this time the Grand Lodge itself had already been organized in 1787 and a complete renumbering of the lodges became necessary. In this renumbering St. John's was given the position of number Three. A challenge for the future was presented in the concluding portion of the pageant. The pageant was written and directed by Robert L. Pugh.

ROBERT L. PUGH, 33°, P.G.M.,
Author and Director of the Pageant

Immediately after the pageant the second program of the evening was presented with the distinguished guests invited to the stage. The main feature of this portion of the program was a masterful address delivered by the Grand Master, Berl M. Kahn. Mr. Kahn's address was based on the quotation "Watchman, what of the night?"

Immediately following the pageant a reception was held in the lower floor of Sudan Temple. Carson L. Cobb was Chairman of the Reception Committee.

The concluding feature of St. John's observance was held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in Christ Episcopal Church.

Reverend Charles E. Williams, Rector Emeritus of Christ Church, led the service, with the Master of St. John's Lodge, Oscar A. Kafer, III, serving as acolyte. Music for the occasion was provided by the Christ Church choir, with Mrs. Floyd Johnson at the organ.

The feature of this service was the presentation of a sermon which had been delivered to the New Bern Masonic Lodge on December 27, 1755 by the Reverend Michael Smith, Episcopal Minister of Johnston County. This sermon was recently discovered by a New Bernian, Charles Duffy, Jr., and it was delivered during the service of religious observance by Robert L. Pugh.

Many expressions of appreciation have been made relative to the observance and included in these recognitions were words of appreciation to Alfred A. Kafer, Jr., for his masterful work in coordinating of the activities connected with the observance and to Oscar A. Kafer, III, Master of the lodge, for his recognized skill in directing the activities and presiding at the various functions.

by Robert L. Pugh, P.G.M., 33°
Secretary, Scottish Rite Bodies
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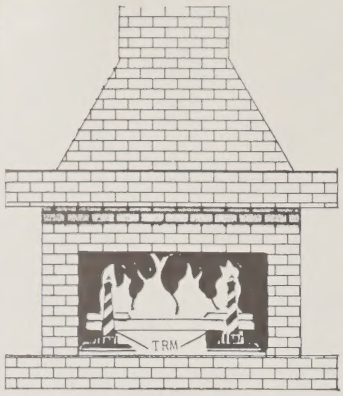

HEARTHSIDE CHATS

By

Tom MacRae, 32°

Several times in this column we have stressed the importance of our Masonic vows and the solemn obligations they impose upon our friends in this great fraternity.

Above all, we believe a Mason — regardless of how many degrees he may obtain in other Masonic organizations — should always tell the truth once he has taken the oath before sitting in a courtroom witness box.

During recent months we have heard critical comments made about a wire services reporter who "joined" one fraternity (not Masonic) to gather evidence for an expose he was writing.

Years ago we were a member of this same fraternity, and members today assure us the oath we took then is still in force. In this context, the particular point was not to reveal or disclose anything that took place inside the building.

It may be true that the organization in question should not have been selling alcoholic beverages or providing slot machines for its members' nickels, dimes and quarters.

Frankly, we know nothing of that writer's background. Knowing, however, that he *did* take an oath not to reveal to non-members what transpired in the fraternity headquarters, his expose which was published in many newspapers, was a violation of his oath.

Writing as a newsman with 20 years experience, we freely admit the expose was a journalistic scoop. On the other hand, we deplore the methods used in compiling his story.

Any newsman worth his salt who wanted to write that particular story could have wrangled invitations to enter those restricted buildings. At the time of this writing we know of three similar establishments where we could gain entrance.

Had we been in that writer's shoes — and we are glad we were not — we would have gone inside as a member's guest. It would be easy to return on other dates as the guest of persons you met on the initial visit.

Once the data was compiled, the writer could have "tipped off" enforcement officers and (accidentally, of course) been present when the ensuing raids developed.

To obtain that material by falsely swearing not to disclose anything you saw inside the fraternity, in our opinion, violated every principle we hold as a working newsman.

Many reporters have sat in jail cells because they refused to reveal the source of certain information they gathered in writing an article. Newsmen, unlike priests, doctors and attorneys, cannot refuse to answer such questions.

One of our Masonic brothers who is a member of that fraternity, told me he would not believe that particular reporter "under oath." For the record, we concur . . . 100 per cent!

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Worthy Matron Mary Dixon and Associate Patron Clif Meadows, assisted by faithful Eastern Star members, prepare the "delicious" food which was served members during our Spring Reunion 1972.

SCOTTISH RITE CLUBS

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The "Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club" held its regular meeting Monday night May 1, 1972, at the "Masonic Temple" where a splendid fish dinner was prepared and served by brother Tom Gardner. Attendance was good and dinner delicious.

If anyone ever took a poll on the subject — and, pollsters considered someone probably has — chances are most people would name as their favorite season, spring. It is truly a lovely time of year, a time of awakening, a period when cold and dreariness give way to warmth and beauty.

The voice of nature speaks to us of God in all growing things. A garden means different things to different people, but the mystery of seed and soil, moisture, air, and sunshine can but move man, the creature, nearer God, the Creator. In the Bible, gardens and flowers are often referred to in making comparisons and presenting a truth. Flowers can express friendship, love, sympathy, and comfort. Man had his recorded beginning in a garden. In spring, summer, autumn, or winter the garden, through seed and flower and fruit, speaks to us of God and no other message is more clear.

Whoever makes a garden has never worked alone. The rain has always found it, the sun has always shone! The wind has always blown across it and helped to scatter seed. Whoever makes a garden has all the help he needs. Whoever makes a garden surely should not complain. With someone like the sunshine and someone like the rain. And someone like the breezes to aid him in his toil. And someone like the Father who gives him the garden soil. Whoever makes a garden has, oh, so many friends. The glory of the morning, the dew when daylight ends. The wind and rain and sunshine and dew and fertile sod. For he who makes a garden works hand in hand with God. The oft quoted line "God's in His heaven. All's right with the world" makes God seem rather far away, but the flowering garden brings Him right down to earth.

Mary's expectation of meeting Joseph's gardener on the first Easter morning is evidence of the care expounded on a garden's upkeep.

Kings and men of wealth had extensive gardens adjoining their residences where they entertained in splendor. This was especially true of the brilliant gardens of Egypt, Assyria, Persia, and Syria whose patterned walks, trees, and flowers became designs in Near Eastern ceramics and textiles.

In the private garden of Joseph of Arimathaea, in an unused sepulcher, the body of the crucified Jesus was placed.

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month; and the loaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Therefore man had his beginning in a garden, throughout his life he can find God in a garden of growing things, and when he has completed his work here on earth, can spend eternity in the most beautiful garden of all, in the city of God.

We live in the beautiful garden of Scottish Rite masonry, and as we see God's nature renewing the earth, we can renew our enthusiasm, zeal, and effort to making our garden beautiful, by inviting our brethren, to come and share its teachings with us.

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Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting, Sunday, May 7th, at the Washington Masonic Lodge in Washington. There were 37 members and guests present. This was a charcoal cook-out with each member furnishing his own meat.

President Jack Tripp presided, Rev. Ray Alexander gave the invocation. After the meal a delightful fellowship hour was enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. John Chillis of Wooster, Ohio were guests of Ray Alexander, also Mrs. Alexander's sister, Helen Kilb was a guest.

While the ladies were straightening up the dining hall, the men held a short business meeting. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. Cyril Merrick and Mrs. Merrick were welcomed as new members.

Barry Gutfeld reported that everything was taking shape relative to the proposed meeting in Belhaven in July.

It was announced that Willie Gray Hodges underwent open-heart surgery recently and is now recuperating in Memorial Hospital, in Chapel Hill, N. C. It was also noticed that Karl Van Horn was out of town due to the death of his mother.

Jack Tripp anounced that the entire Beaufort County membership of the New Bern Consistory is invited to attend our next meeting, which will be held at Brother Tripp's home, at Core Point. Jack insists that all Scottish Riters in Beaufort County attend. He also insists that he is the host of this occasion and everything is on the house. He insists that each member bring his lady and everybody bring a big appetite, with no strings attached. The Tripp home is located about 12 miles from Cox's cross road on the south side of Pamlico river. Cox's cross road is on highway 33 and is about halfway between Chocowinity and Aurora. The Tripp home is one of the most lovely river shore homes on the Pamlico with a large spacious lawn and many cypress trees lining the shore. Brother Tripp did ask every one to please bring his own lawn chair.

Ashley Leggett reported on the recent Reunion held in April in New Bern. He announced that Beaufort County had 4 candidates. He also announced that an all-out effort would be staged to fully man the 17th degree team from Beaufort County. As a result 12 members said they would like to tryout for the team. Leggett said that a meeting would be set-up and rehearsals would begin at once.

Leggett also announced that he had talked with several members from the Aurora area and plans were underway to set up meetings in Aurora with an effort to create more interest in that area.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Ashley G. Leggett, K.C.C.H.

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The regular meeting of the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club was called to order on May 13, 1972 in Franklin Lodge 109 building with Brother John Campobassa, 32°, Vice-President, presiding.

The Vice-President reported on the April 11, 12, 13 Spring Reunion. He also asked the members to begin work now for candidates for the Fall Reunion.

After a few comments by the brethren the meeting was adjourned. Eighteen members were present.

W. B. Longest
Secretary-Treasurer

FORT BRAGG LADIES' NIGHT PARTY

On March 29th approximately 175 Scottish Rite Masons, their ladies, guests and prospective candidates assembled in the Horace Ziglar Banquet Hall of Fort Bragg Lodge No. 667.

After an invocation by Rev. Allen C. Edens, 32°, the group settled down to enjoy a delicious turkey dinner, prepared and served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

The toastmaster, Brother William C. Hammond, 32°, K.C.C.H., then called on Brother Newell Taylor, Master of Fort Bragg Lodge who welcomed the assembly and assured them that the Lodge was theirs for the night. Brother Taylor introduced his officers and their ladies.

The toastmaster called upon Sister Betty Wann, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, who presented all those who were assisting in serving. They were greeted with a round of applause for the splendid job that they had done.

The toastmaster then introduced all visiting dignitaries, including all 33rd degree members, K.C.C.H.'s and Masters, Past and Present of the lodges represented.

Brother David C. Smith, 32°, was called upon to introduce the Speaker of the evening, Brother Nelson B. Banks, 33°, who gave a most interesting and inspiring discourse on Freemasonry, its

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aims, its objects and teaching. He traced the progress of Masonry through the 32 degrees, pointing out that Masonry is a continuous process of learning.

A brief resume of the mechanics of taking the Scottish Rite was given by the toastmaster who then called upon Mrs. Anthony Cabeza, wife of a recent candidate who talked on what the wives of the candidates could expect during the reunion.

Brother Edens pronounced the Benediction and all winded their way to their respective homes filled with turkey but mainly with enthusiasm for Scottish Rite Masonry.

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club held a dinner meeting on Monday evening, April 3, at the Berne Restaurant with Brother Charles Dickinson, Vice-President, presiding and welcoming the members and prospective members. The invocation was given by Brother W. L. Adams and a delicious seafood dinner was served.

The prospective members were recognized and Brother Dickinson presented Noble Nelson Banks, Recorder of Sudan Temple, who gave a most impressive talk on "What is Scottish Rite Masonry?"

A report was made that Brother Johnny West, President, was in Craven County Hospital recuperating from surgery and Brother Robert L. Pugh, Secretary of the New Bern Consistory, was confined to his home due to illness.

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club met Monday evening, April 10, 1972 at 7:00 p.m., with Brother Charles F. Dickinson, Vice-president presiding.

The invocation was given by Brother C. T. Potter.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and the Treasurer's report given. Brother Dickinson expressed his appreciation for the fine job done by the dinner committee and to Brother Nelson B. Banks for his most interesting and enlightening presentation of "What Is Scottish Rite Masonry" which highlighted our dinner meeting of April 3, 1972, at the Berne Restaurant.

Brother Shorty Kafer reported on the condition of our President, Brother Johnny West, who is recuperating from a very serious operation.

Brother Bob Pugh presented a list of 132 candidates that had petitioned to receive the Scottish Rite degrees.

There were 24 members and 2 guests attending.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

E. W. Paul, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

Ocracoke Island Scottish Rite Club

The Ocracoke Island Scottish Rite Club recently held their Spring Ladies' Night Party in the form of a dinner in the Pony Room at the Pony Island Restaurant.

The dinner was a big success and everyone enjoyed the affair!

Frank D. Teeter, Secretary

Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

Once again the Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club met for its usual period of mutual enjoyment and fellowship among the craft. The meeting was held at the Southernaire Restaurant in Sneads Ferry on Monday Evening, April 24, 1972.

The president, Brother Allen Stafford, opened the meeting with the invocation being given by Brother Russ Baker. The Secretary-Treasurer made a few announcements and gave the financial report of the club.

Following an enjoyable seafood dinner we were given an interesting talk on the attributes of being a school teacher and what a teacher is. The speaker was Miss Sadie Morton, a life long resident of Onslow County and a teacher in the public schools for over forty years.

Following the talk the meeting was closed with benediction given by Brother Jesse C. Vail.

Present at the meeting were thirty one members and guests. It is hoped that in our Fall meeting we will be able to double the number present.

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Pitt County Scottish Rite Club

The Pitt County Scottish Rite Club held its regular monthly meeting at Respess Bros. barbeque restaurant on Tuesday night March 28th, at 7 P.M. There were 12 members present for this meeting. The meeting was called to order by the president and after the invocation those present enjoyed a dinner of barbeque, fried chicken, brunswick stew, potatoes and slaw served family style.

For the first order of business the president passed copies of his program and plans for increasing the interest in the club's activity. One of his projects presented was that of establishing a scholarship fund for some worthy graduate from Oxford Orphanage to attend East Carolina University. The scholarship to be known as the Jesse R. Laughinghouse scholarship fund. The plan was enthusiastically received by those present and a motion was made, seconded and passed that the club adopt the plan. The president was requested to obtain more detailed information from the University as to the proper mechanics for getting this program underway and report back at a later meeting.

The upcoming reunion was discussed and each of the members was urged to contact all prospective candidates and get their petitions in time for the reunion starting April 11th.

There being no further business to come before the club the meeting adjourned to meet again at their regular meeting time of the fourth Tuesday in April. It is hoped that a good report can be given at the time on the spring reunion.

Rocky Mount Scottish Rite Club

The Rocky Mount Scottish Rite Club met March 6th, 1972 at 6:00 P.M. at Melton's, where a fine meal was enjoyed by all present.

President Frank Jones presided.

The invocation was given by Brother Harold Stein. A moment of silent prayer was offered in remembrance of our departed Brother James B. Childress. Old and new members totaled forty-two (42).

Brother S. D. Fuller spoke on Scottish Rite Masonry, urging everyone to seek new petitions, and revealed that only about 50% of all Master Masons in our area were members of the Scottish Rite Bodies. Brother M. J. Stokes also made excellent remarks and discussed a practice of the 5th degree on March 25th at 7:30 P.M. in the Masonic Temple. Officers for the new year were elected.

Bro. H. A. Sturgess ..... President
Bro. Calvin Creech ..... Vice-President
Bro. Frank L. Yost ..... Sec.-Treas.

All visitors were recognized. Each member paid the usual one dollar ($1.00). The Club paid the other cost of the meal. Six (6) new members were added to the Club. All members were urged to attend the upcoming reunion in Enfield March 29th.

The benediction was given by Brother Gerald Riggs.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

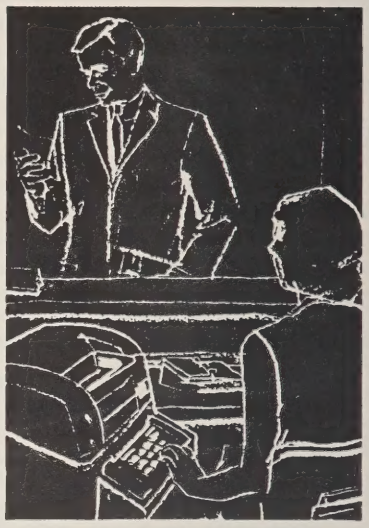
Frank L. Yost
Secretary-Treasurer

Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

The Wilson County Scottish Rite Club held its monthly meeting at the Cherry Hotel on Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00. Many members and friends were present. Two new members were signed up and were recognized before all present. They were Herbert A. Wormwood and E. O. Norton. The blessing was offered by Bro. A. D. Underwood, 32°.

After a most delicious meal and lots of good conversation, the meeting was called to order by the President. Several items of business were completed at this time. Sick and absent brethren were inquired about and those who were able informed the rest of the sick members' progress.

Following the completion of these duties, our speaker for the evening was in-



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troduced and we applauded as Mr. James A. Callahan of the Federal Bureau of Investigation gave a most excellent talk on Law and Order. The talk was enjoyed immensely, as Special Agent Callahan gave personal examples of events which had occurred while he personally was involved. Numerous interesting questions were asked after the talk. Mr. Callahan made such a fine impression on us that we invited him to come by whenever he was in town and enjoy our fun, food, and fellowship.

The meeting was called to a close with Bro. A. D. Underwood giving the adjournment prayer.

We are all looking forward to our next meeting when Bro. Rusty Williams, a former Vaudeville Star will speak to us about his days in Vaudeville. It promises to be an extremely interesting and noteworthy talk. All Brothers are cordially invited to attend and enjoy fellowship with us.

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